

Electric-utility  
contracts.

31 USC 665.

“(d) The Atomic Energy Commission is authorized in connection with the construction or operation of the Oak Ridge, Paducah, and Portsmouth installations of the Commission, without regard to section 3679 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, to enter into new contracts or modify or confirm existing contracts to provide for electric-utility services for periods not exceeding twenty-five years, and such contracts shall be subject to termination by the Commission upon payment of cancellation costs as provided in such contracts, and any appropriation presently or hereafter made available to the Commission shall be available for the payment of such cancellation costs. Any such cancellation payments shall be taken into consideration in determination of the rate to be charged in the event the Commission or any other agency of the Federal Government shall purchase electric-utility services from the contractor subsequent to the cancellation and during the life of the original contract.”

Repeal.

66 Stat. 643.

SEC. 2. The first proviso under the appropriation to the Commission for “Plant and equipment” in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1953, is hereby repealed.

Approved July 17, 1953.

## Public Law 138

## CHAPTER 230

### AN ACT

July 20, 1953  
[H. R. 4072]

Relating to the disposition of certain former recreational demonstration project lands by the Commonwealth of Virginia to the School Board of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

Mecklenburg  
County, Va.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding section 3 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects, and for other purposes”, approved June 6, 1942 (56 Stat. 326; 16 U. S. C., 1946 edition, sec. 459t), the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby authorized to convey to the School Board of Mecklenburg County for school, recreational, or highway-widening purposes, that portion of the former Mecklenburg way-side recreational demonstration project which is situated on the west and north side of United States Highway Numbered 1, comprising approximately forty acres. Any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the Commonwealth of Virginia are hereby released as to the particular lands herein authorized to be transferred.

Approved July 20, 1953.

## Public Law 139

## CHAPTER 231

### AN ACT

July 20, 1953  
[S. 2394]

To amend the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953.

D. C. firemen.  
Pay period.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (c) of section 405 of the District of Columbia Police and Firemen's Salary Act of 1953 (67 Stat. 77) is amended by adding after the word “work-weeks” the following: “except that with respect to employees of the Fire Department the first pay period shall be for the period July 1 to July 11, 1953, inclusive”.

SEC. 2. Section 405 of such Act is amended by adding thereto the following:

"(d) (1) For the purpose of computing pay of officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia for the pay period July 1 to July 11, 1953, inclusive, any day off taken by any such officer or member during the period July 1 to July 4, 1953, inclusive, shall be considered as a workday if such officer or member worked or was otherwise in a pay status for an equivalent day in the period June 28 to June 30, 1953, inclusive: *Provided*, That any such day off falling on July 4, 1953, shall not entitle any such officer or member to additional holiday compensation for that day.

"(2) For the purpose of this subsection the term 'day off' means any of the days off duty in each seven-day period to which each officer and member of such Fire Department is entitled pursuant to section 2 of the Act approved June 19, 1948 (62 Stat. 498) but such term does not include any 'platoon change day off', as such term is used in such Fire Department."

Approved July 20, 1953.

Pay computation.

"Day off".

D. C. Code 404a.

## Public Law 140

## CHAPTER 232

### AN ACT

To provide for an additional Assistant Postmaster General in the Post Office Department.

July 20, 1953  
[H. R. 5302]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be in the Post Office Department an additional Assistant Postmaster General, who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall perform such duties as the Postmaster General may designate, and shall receive compensation at the rate of \$15,000 per annum or at such other rate as may hereafter be provided by law for Assistant Postmasters General.

Approved July 20, 1953.

## Public Law 141

## CHAPTER 233

### AN ACT

To authorize films, and related material, for educational use to be transmitted through the mails at the rate provided for books.

July 20, 1953  
[S. 971]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 204 (d) of the Postal Rate Revision and Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 (39 U. S. C., sec. 292a (d)) is amended by inserting "(1)" after "(d)" and by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(2) The rate provided in paragraph (1) for books may apply to sixteen-millimeter films and sixteen-millimeter film catalogs when sent through the mails except when sent to commercial theaters."

SEC. 2. Section 204 (e) of the Postal Rate Revision and Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 (39 U. S. C., sec. 292a (e)) is amended by inserting "(1)" after "(e)" and by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(2) The rate provided in paragraph (1) for books may apply to sixteen-millimeter films, filmstrips, projected transparencies and slides, microfilms, sound recordings, and catalogs of such materials when sent to or from (A) schools, colleges, universities, or public libraries, and (B) religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic,

Films, etc.  
Book rate postage,  
62 Stat. 1263.

62 Stat. 1264.